

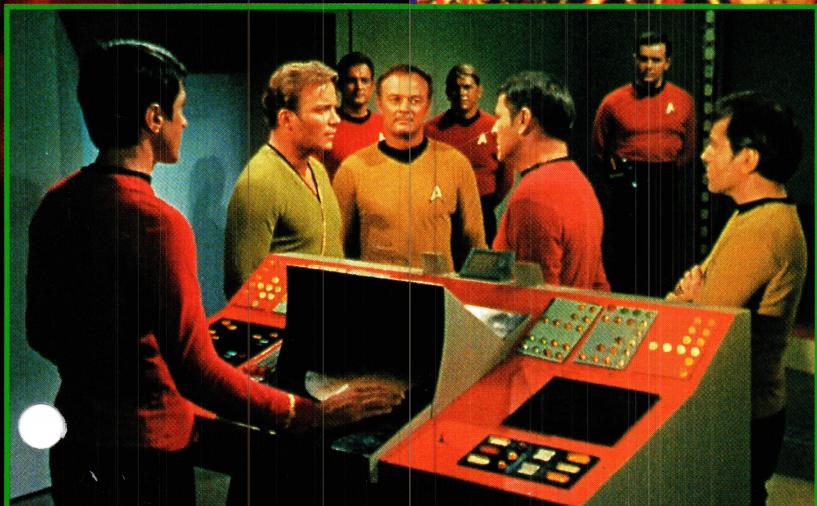
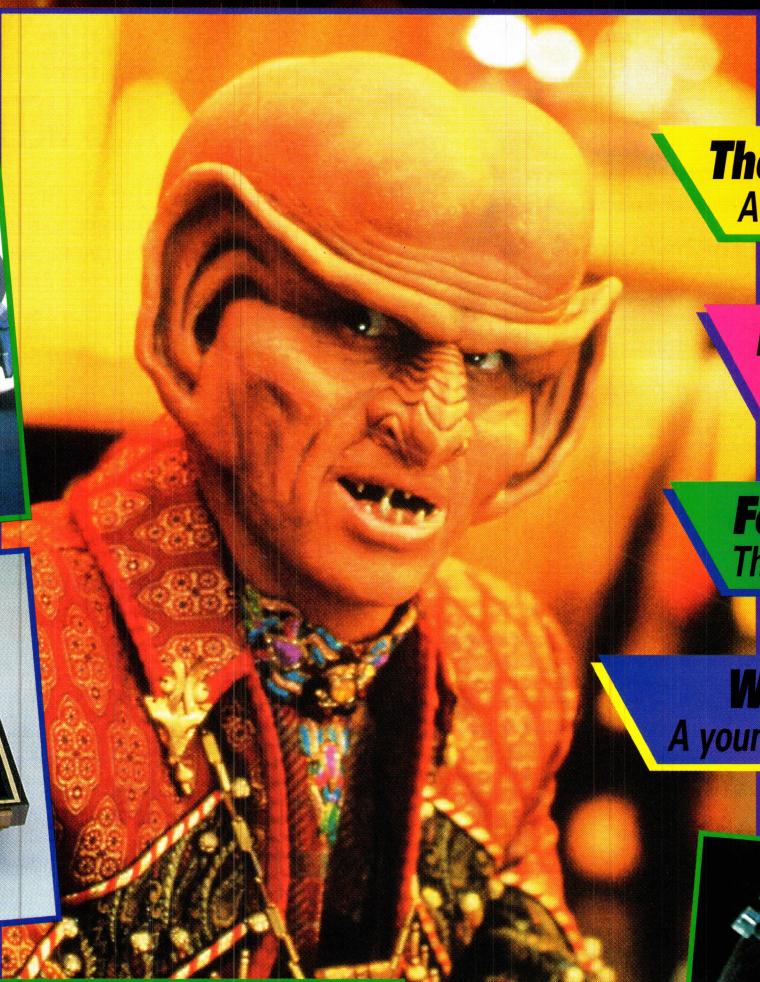
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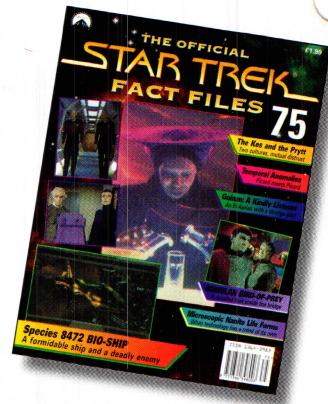
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Brunt: FCA Liquidator

Brunt is a loyal servant of the Ferengi Commerce Authority. His position gives him the power to ruin entire families in an instant, and there is no one he would rather bring down than Quark.

To say that Brunt is both one of the most hated and feared persons on **Ferenginar** would not be much of an exaggeration.

Every **Ferengi** male spends his entire life building assets, through means both fair and foul in order to gain power, prestige, and a front-row seat in the **Great Afterlife**. Brunt is one of those who can destroy a lifetime's cunning and courage with a single entry on a **PADD**; Brunt is a **Liquidator**.

He is, in fact, the **Official Liquidator** for the dreaded **Ferengi Commerce Authority**. This is a job that Brunt loves. He has the authority to threaten, destroy, and impoverish his prey. It's a wonderful life. Not only can he use his position of power to amass a personal fortune, through

bribes and confiscation of enough hidden assets to even buy his own spaceship, but, best of all, he has the power to ruin entire families and send them destitute and penniless out into the cold, endless downpour of Ferenginar.

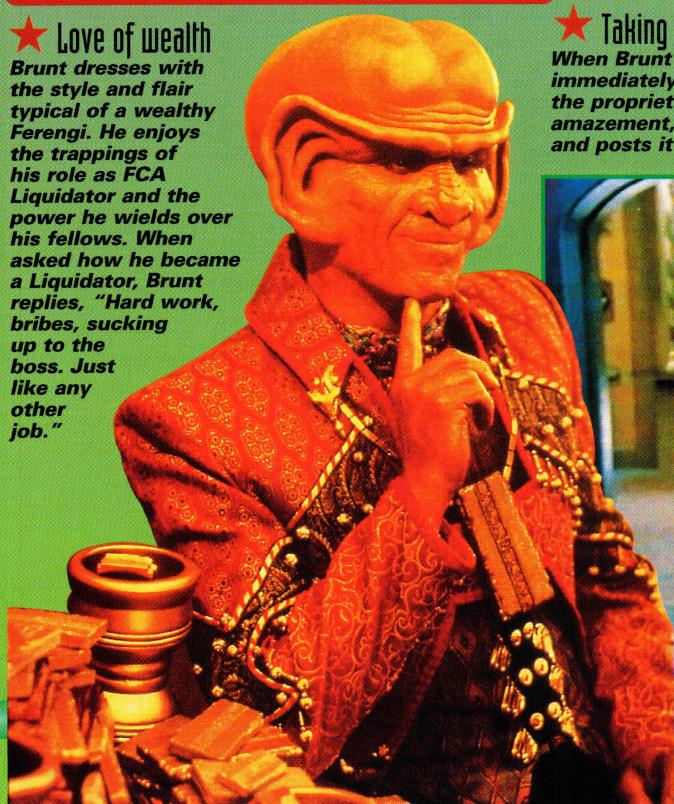
Follower of the rules

Brunt is more meticulous in his devotion to duty and the **Rules of Acquisition** than most of his colleagues, which is why he has risen so far, so fast. He has strived to achieve his present position through diligence, hard work, appropriate bribes at the right time to the right people, and, of course, sucking up to the boss. Just like any other Ferengi in any other job, only Brunt does it better than anyone.

The FCA, where Brunt is employed, is like the tax

POWER OF A LIQUIDATOR**★ Love of wealth**

Brunt dresses with the style and flair typical of a wealthy Ferengi. He enjoys the trappings of his role as FCA Liquidator and the power he wields over his fellows. When asked how he became a Liquidator, Brunt replies, "Hard work, bribes, sucking up to the boss. Just like any other job."

**PROFILE ON BRUNT**

NAME: Brunt

LIFE FORM: Ferengi male

OCCUPATION: Liquidator for the Ferengi Commerce Association (FCA).

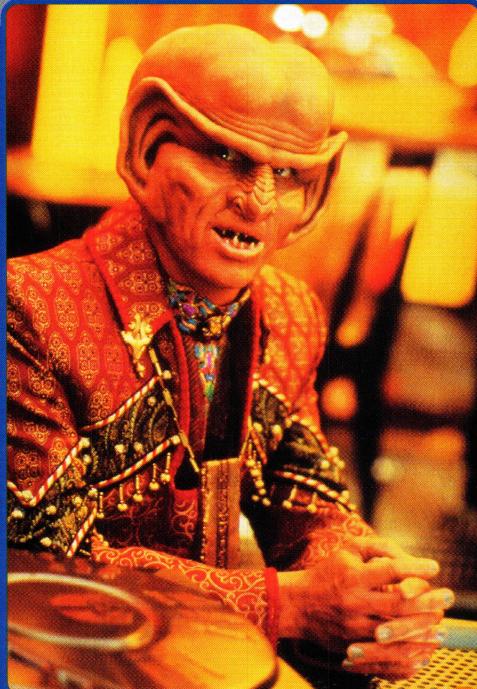
REMARKS: Brunt is a traditional Ferengi who likes to see the Rules of Acquisition followed to the letter.

DERLINGS WITH QUARK: 2371: Investigates Quark's mother Ishka, who has been illegally acquiring wealth.

2372: Investigates an illegal union formed at Quark's bar.

2372: Bids 500 bars of latinum for Quark's remains when Quark thinks he has a terminal disease.

FIRST SEEN: 'Family Business' [DS9]



► *Brunt is very fond of the power and prestige brought to him by his position as Liquidator for the Ferengi Commerce Association. He sees Quark as a nemesis whose mother Ishka is out of control.*

★ Taking account

When Brunt arrives at DEEP SPACE NINE, he immediately heads for Quark's bar and informs the proprietor who he is. Then, much to Quark's amazement, Brunt serves a writ of accountability and posts it on the wall.

**★ Initial charges**

When Quark is first investigated by Brunt, he is charged with violating Ferengi Trade By-Laws subsection 1027, paragraph 3: improper supervision of a family member.



Brunt: FCA Liquidator

collection services that once existed on Old Earth.

The FCA appears to have a single mission: to squeeze whatever it can from any Ferengi businessman who might have strayed into uncharted territory by not following the Rules of Acquisition to the letter. Ignorance of the Rules is no excuse, since every Ferengi child learns them in school and at home.

Bribery begins at work

Being one of the FCA's foremost Liquidators, Brunt maintains an office on the 40th floor of the **Tower of Commerce** on the Ferengi homeworld. With seven slips of **latinum** required to use the elevator and several more slips needed to just get past the secretary, Brunt finds even the

shortest appointment profitable.

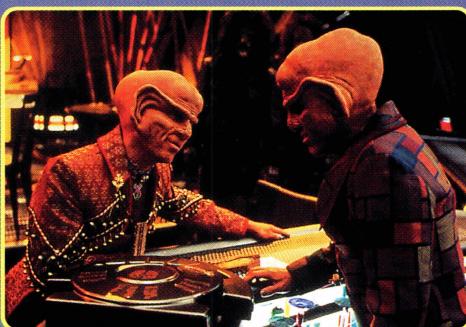
But office work is less profitable than field assignments. When a Ferengi is suspected of straying from the path and conducting unbusinesslike activities, the FCA sends in the Liquidator to clean things up.

This usually begins by having a Liquidator arrive unannounced and issue a **Writ of Accountability**. To a Ferengi, a Writ of Accountability is an economic death warrant. To be found guilty of concealing financial information from the FCA is to face the most severe of consequences.

When presenting a Writ, after an initial bribe from the accused, Brunt will identify the charges by quoting the subsection by number. The accused must then come up with more latinum slips to obtain a

★ Labor problems

Brunt is adamant that, as FCA Liquidator, he must uphold Ferengi law and protect Ferengi tradition. A worker's strike at Quark's bar goes against the very principles of Ferengi business practices. In the Ferengi scheme of things, workers have few or no rights.



"I want you back in business. It gives me an opportunity to keep my eye on you. One day you're going to make a mistake, and on that day you're going to lose more than your license." — Brunt to Quark



★ The liquidator
Brunt relishes his job; he enjoys seeing other Ferengi squirm when confronted with the possibility of being closed down, and he will end any unofficial labor disputes by any means necessary.

★ Just cause
With a mother who earns profit and wears clothes and a nephew who joins Starfleet, Brunt has more than enough ammunition to bring Quark down. Brunt would love to see Quark's mother begging for scraps of food on Ferenginar.



copy of the by-laws to learn exactly what he's been charged with.

Not only is the accused responsible for his own actions, but those of his family and relatives as well. When **Quark's mother Ishka** is caught violating Ferengi law by earning profit, Brunt gives Quark three days to obtain an admission of guilt. Otherwise Ishka will be placed in indentured servitude and Quark will be required to make full restitution for her crimes.

The Rules are everything

To Brunt, breaking any of the Rules of Acquisition is a misdeed deserving the highest punishment. When he learns that Quark's Ferengi employees are actually attempting to form a union, he demands that they immediately return to work, or else their financial accounts on Ferenginar

will be confiscated, their families fined, and all their trading permits revoked. He is prepared to see them ruined, reduced to utter destitution.

It may seem harsh, but Brunt actually would enjoy transporting them all back to Ferenginar. There, he could have them taken to the Spire of the Tower of Commerce. While crowds gathered in the street below, Brunt would have shoved them off, one by one. Small children would place bets on where their bodies landed. Then their splattered remains would be sold as feed mulch for **green worms**.

Destroying an enemy

Brunt loves to threaten inflicting this fate upon Quark, whom he considers to be his arch enemy; he is particularly obsessed with ruining the barkeeper ever since Ishka's illegal profit-making was discovered in 2371. The Liquidator keeps his lobes peeled for news of Quark's activities.

In 2372 Brunt tries to end the illegal strike at **Quark's bar** by any means necessary, including having his **Nausicaan** enforcers assault Quark; Liquidators often employ enforcers who will act when threats alone are not enough. Nausicaans, who love violent games of any sort, are particular favorites of the FCA in such situations.

After these run-ins with Quark, Brunt becomes convinced the **Deep Space Nine** barkeeper is a menace to the Ferengi. He tells Quark, rather poetically, that he is a disease, a festering tumor on the lobes of Ferengi society.

CONSTANT PURSUIT

Quark hounded

After a trip to Ferenginar, Quark announces to his brother Rom that he is dying. When Brunt finds out about Quark's impending demise, he buys the contract for the vacuum desiccated remains of his corpse.

When Quark fails to die, he effectively breaks his contract with Brunt. The FCA Liquidator is exhilarated, and slaps on a Ferengi writ that revokes Quark's business permit, confiscates his assets, and forbids any business or employment association with other Ferengi.

Quark does eventually win a revocation of the writ from Grand Nagus Zek in 2373, after foiling Brunt's attempt to become Nagus himself. Brunt has the power to revoke Quark's license again, but chooses not to — he'd rather wait for the opportunity to see Quark make an even bigger mistake.



★ Profit, loss and the rules

When Brunt confronts Quark with his transgressions, he offers the barkeeper evidence of the rules and regulations he has broken, usually to Quark's amazement.